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SANITARY LEGISLATION.

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

MOBILE, ALA.

Stables—Construction and Care—Rat Proofing—Protection of Feed from Rats. (Ord. Oct. 6, 1914.)

1. That every person, firm, association or corporation who shall maintain a horse, mule, or cow within the limits of the city of Mobile shall provide a stable for it such as is hereinafter specified.

2. That every stable, shed, or lot where a horse, mule, or cow is kept in the city of Mobile shall be thoroughly cleaned at least once in each day; and when such animals are kept in a stable, shed, or other building, such building shall have sufficient light to make cleaning practicable, and sufficient ventilation to keep the air of such building pure at all times.

3. That every stable, shed, or other building where a horse, mule, or cow, or other animal is kept shall have either within or immediately adjoining it a fly-proof and rat-proof covered room or box, bin, or barrel, for receiving and holding manure and litter accumulating between the times of removal from the premises. The fitness of said room, box, bin, or barrel shall be passed upon by the city health officer.

4. That all stall floors in stables shall drain into gutters, the said gutters to be connected through catch basins with the sanitary sewerage system of the city, in accordance with section 671 of the Code of Ordinances of the city of Mobile of 1907, provided that where the sanitary sewerage system of the city is not available by reason of being more than 150 yards from said stable, other drainage shall be provided, as may be approved by the health officer of the city of Mobile.

5. *Stables.*—All buildings now or hereafter to be constructed and used for stabling horses, mules, or cows shall be constructed as follows:

Walls.—The foundation walls of such building shall be constructed of concrete, brick, stone, or other material impenetrable by rats, laid in cement mortar, and shall be not less than 6 inches thick, and shall extend above the ground a sufficient height to be not less than 1 foot above the floor level, and the extension of such walls upward shall be made of concrete, brick, or other impenetrable material by rats, or of wood, but if of wood, shall contain no inclosed dead spaces. All openings in such foundation walls, except that made for the doors, shall be covered with metal grating having openings not greater than one-half inch between the gratings.

Floors.—The floors of stables other than the stalls shall be of concrete not less than 3 inches thick, or of stone, laid in cement mortar, or of other materials and constructed as is hereinafter provided to be used for floors for stalls, in such way as to prevent ingress or egress of rats, and such floors shall have a slope of one-eighth inch per foot to the gutter drains hereinafter provided for.

Stalls.—The floors of stalls shall have a slope of one-eighth inch per foot, to the gutter drains hereinafter provided for, and may be of planking, fitting either tightly to a concrete floor of not less than 3 inches thick, or elevated not more than one-half inch from such concrete floor, and so constructed as to be easily removable, or said floors of stalls or other portions of floors on which animals stand may be constructed of creosoted wood blocks, bricks, asphalt blocks, or of some substantial mineral pavement, these to be laid on a concrete foundation, provided that removable planking shall be raised at least once a week, and the said planking and the concrete floor beneath thoroughly cleansed.

6. *Gutters.*—Semicircular or V-shaped gutter drains shall be constructed in such stables in such manner that a gutter shall be placed so as to receive all liquid matter from each stall, and each of these gutters shall connect with the public sewer or with a main gutter of the same construction, which in turn shall be connected with the public sewer or other suitable drain approved by the city health officer. All openings from drains into sewers shall be protected by a metal grating having openings not more than one-half inch between the gratings.

7. *Mangers.*—Each manger shall be constructed so as to have a slope of 2 inches toward the bottom; shall be covered with tin or zinc, and shall be at least 18 inches deep to avoid spilling of food.

8. *Food bins.*—All feed bins shall be constructed of cement, stone, metal, or other material impenetrable by rats or wood, all to have close-fitting doors. If constructed of wood, the bins shall be lined or covered with metal and the whole so constructed as to prevent the ingress or egress of rats. All grain, malt, and other animal food, except hay, stored or kept in any stable, must be kept in such feed bins. Said feed bins must be kept closed at all times, except when momentarily opened to take food therefrom or when same are being filled. No feed shall be scattered about outside such bin or in the stable, and all such feed found on the floor or in the stalls of said stables shall be removed daily and placed in the manure receptacle. No feed stuffs intended for human consumption shall be kept or stored in any stable or any other place where animals are kept.

9. All parts of stables, for the construction of which express provision is not made in this ordinance, shall be rat-proofed in the manner in which buildings are required to be rat-proofed which are used for the purposes enumerated in section 1 of an ordinance adopted September 1, 1914, entitled "An ordinance to provide for the better protection of the city of Mobile against the harboring and multiplication of rats along the maritime front of the said city, and to prescribe rules for rat-proofing houses and for other purposes."

10. The feeding of grain to horses, mules, cows, and other animals in any yards or inclosed spaces not constructed as specified in sections 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 of this ordinance is prohibited, and all such yards used for exercising said animals shall at all times be kept free from trash or accumulations of manure and must be well drained, and filling or subsoil drainage or both must be installed if required by the health officer of the city of Mobile.

11. That any violation of this ordinance by any person, firm, association, or corporation shall be punished by the recorder by a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100, and each day's failure to comply with this ordinance shall constitute a separate offense and may be prosecuted and punished accordingly.

12. That this ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after December 1, 1914.